**DR. LOSIER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PSSC MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014**

PRESENT: Tara Ross-Robinson, Lisa McNeil, Eileen Bowes, Marie Louise Squire,

 Christine Lloyd, Vivian Kierstead.

REGRETS: Nomi Theriault-English

Business arising from the minutes: Marie Louise Squire reported that some students received letters back from soldiers for the shoeboxes. School received a thank you letter as well.

HOME & SCHOOL

- Staff Appreciation Week – February 10-14; H & S will be providing a pot luck on Thursday, and coffee and snacks anther day. Voicemail and newsletter will go out for assistance.

- Needing parents to help out for Valentine’s Dance.

- Eileen Bowes reported on the meeting with the Education Minister regarding Ian Baillie and Dr. Losier Middle; Ian Baillie to be repaired in nine weeks of summer; they may stop school a week early to begin. Air quality of school will be tested bi-weekly and is fine. Emergency budget will be used to money. New elementary school is #1 in funding for Anglo North.

Positive Learning and Working Environment Plan and School Improvement Plan Updates

**School Improvement Plan** is on track. Literacy teachers report that they are seeing an improvement in the quality of students’ writing since beginning the workshop approach to writing. All students will be writing reviews (books, movies, restaurants, video games, etc.) to be posted to the school website. The grade 8 students will be the first to post.

**Positive Learning and Working Environment Plan** was discussed. There are many wonderful things being done to keep the school experience a positive one. The Breakfast Program is now running five days per week.

Both School Improvement Plan and Positive Learning Environment will be posted to school website.

Discussion was held on whether we should have another Math and Language Arts night.
Discussion was held about how we can get parents to attend.

Discussion was held on the spending of the PSSC budget. Vivian is to approach staff and return with suggestions for next meeting.

Discussion was held on the student results of the Tell Them from Me perception survey. Students are generally happy with their school experience at DLMS. Staff will continue to monitor for concerns expressed about bullying during unstructured time, and staff will look at lunch times for next school year.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Dr. Losier Middle School is being reviewed in March. Vivian has scheduled the parent meeting for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:15.

In discussing the Parent Survey results from 2012/2013, PSSC members suggested

that in order to keep parents better informed about what their child is learning, a basic outline of topics and skills in each class be either sent home with the report card and posted to the teachers’ web pages.

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- Posters & Poems to be posted on the website from Legion Winners – Marie Louise Squire will take care of this.

- Thursday, January 23 – “Frisbee Rob Assembly” – Anti-bullying assembly with a focus on being proud of who you are, followed by each class spending time with him working on frisbee throwing skills.

- Christmas Drama production went well.

- January 27th we will be hosting a play about Sir John A. Macdonald and Confederation.

- One-third of students had perfect attendance in December. Students are enjoying having their photos posted in the classroom and on the website.

- Upcoming Olympics – February 7 will be our Opening Ceremony. Friday, February 28th will be our Academic and Athletic Olympics, and closing ceremony.

- Cross Curricular Unit on the dog race Iditarod is being planned by Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Squire.

- Science Fair in March – every student does one.

- March 18 at 6:15 will be the next meeting.

Minutes by Jennifer Cook.